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Valentine's Day ends with deadly shooting last Wednesday night, Feb. 14

Three suspects arrested for murder of Elba man

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Three people were arrested on murder charges Thursday afternoon, Feb. 15, stemming from a shooting that occurred at approximately 10 p.m. Wednesday night, Feb. 14, in Elba.

Elba Police investigated the shooting, which resulted in the death of a male subject identified by Coffee County Coroner Arnold Woodham to be Ethan Christopher Hill, age 24, of Elba.

The shooting and subsequent death occurred in the 1400 Block of Jones Street in Elba, according to 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney James Tarbox. He said Elba Police, Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency, the Coffee County Coroner's Office,

and the District Attorney's Office all responded to the scene.

"Based upon information gathered during the investigation, arrest warrants for the charge of murder were obtained for three individuals," Tarbox said.

Arrested last Thursday afternoon by Coffee County Deputies and charged with murder were Freddie Junior McGee Jr., age 31, of Enterprise, Ala., Lena Michelle McGhee, age 52, of Elba, Ala., and a 17-year-old female juvenile.

"Our office has requested that each defendant be held without bond pending an Aniah's Law (Code of Alabama 15-13-3) hearing," Tarbox said.

While information on the juvenile suspect is confidential due to her age, both Freddie Junior McGee and Lena Michelle McGhee

each had their initial court appearances before Coffee County District Judge Joshua Wilson on Friday, Feb. 16, at which time their Aniah's Law hearings were set for this Thursday, Feb. 22, at 1:30 p.m.

Attorney Richard Waldrop was appointed to defend Mr. McGee, and he requested a preliminary hearing for his client. That hearing was set for March 14, at 10 a.m., at the Coffee County Courthouse.

Attorney Andrew Scarborough was appointed to defend Lena Michelle McGhee. During her initial appearance, her case was forwarded to action of the Grand Jury unless demand for a preliminary hearing is scheduled during this week's pre-trial Aniah's Law hearing [Feb 22nd].

"I appreciate the work of the Elba Police Depart-



MC GEE, FREDDIE JUNIOR JR MCGHEE, LENA MICHELL

These suspects, along with a 17-year-old female juvenile were arrested last week for the murder by shooting of Ethan Hill of Elba. Both suspects above have Aniah's Law pre-trial hearings set for Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Coffee County Courthouse. Until those hearings, they are being held at the Coffee County Jail with no bond set.

ment, Coffee County Sheriff's Office, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency/State Bureau of Investigation, members of the US

Marshall's Fugitive Recovery Task Force, Enterprise Police Department, and the Coffee County Coroner's Office for their work dur-

ing this investigation," the district attorney said. "Due to the ongoing nature of this investigation, no further comment will be made."

Coffee County man dies from tractor accident

The Coffee County Central Communications Center [911 Dispatch] received a call Friday, Feb. 16, reporting that a person had been involved in an accident with a farm tractor in the 1000 block of Highway 134, Kinston, Ala.

Coffee County Sheriff Scott Byrd said his deputies arrived on scene a short time later and found that a 79-year-old male had been working on the tractor when it rolled over on him causing serious physi-

cal injury.

The man, later identified as Wendell Moore, was airlifted from the scene by Enterprise Rescue Air 1 and transported to the Fort Walton Beach Medical Center for trauma treatment. Unfortunately, he died the following day, Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Fort Walton Beach hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Moore were held Tuesday of this week from Wyatt Funeral Home of Opp, Ala.

Alabama's literacy mascot meets state legislators

SHORT the Squirrel, Alabama's charismatic literacy mascot, embarked on a special trip to Montgomery to highlight the importance of literacy and education across the state.

During the visit Thursday, Feb. 15, which was made possible through its partnership with the Alabama Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program and the Alabama Farmers Agricultural Foundation, SHORT advocated for support of educational programming to further its mission of spreading literacy-rich, community-oriented, enjoyable content to Alabama's youngest citizens.

During the visit, SHORT interacted with members of the legislature and government officials to promote the critical role literacy plays in shaping the future of the state. The mascot's vibrant personality and commitment to fostering a love for reading left a lasting impression, emphasizing the significance of investing in educational initiatives.

"It's encouraging to see organizations like SHORT the Squirrel actively engaging in promoting



Senator Josh Carnley was among the state legislators that met Short the Squirrel last Thursday, Feb. 15, during his stop at the Alabama State House in Montgomery, Ala.

literacy and education. It's a reminder that by working together, we can create a more informed community, laying the foundation for a prosperous future in Alabama," said Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries Rick Pate.

SHORT the Squirrel is a nonprofit reading organization that is committed to creating vibrant, engaging narratives that not only entertain but also foster a sense of curiosity and joy, while

encouraging a love for reading in Alabama's youngest citizens. The charming character has become synonymous with the organization's efforts to make reading and learning enjoyable for all and regularly makes appearances at schools across the state. SHORT was founded in 2020, and since then, has released fourteen grant-funded titles

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Elba senior Jamal Siler (seated, center) signed on the dotted line Wednesday, Feb. 7, to continue playing football at the college level with Jax State University, located in Jacksonville, Ala. Jax State, a member of Conference USA, recruited Siler as an offensive lineman. Siler said he is excited to continue playing football after high school. He was joined for the signing by several of his Elba teammates.

Final Four Bound!



The net came down Monday night, Feb. 19, at the Elba High School gymnasium as the Elba Lady Tigers celebrated their South Region Championship that advanced the team to a berth in next week's Final Four basketball championships in Birmingham for Class 1A sports. Elba defeated Leroy during Monday afternoon's region championship game in Montgomery, Ala. Next, the Elba Lady Tigers will meet Spring Garden Monday, Feb. 26, at 12 noon in the Class 1A semi-finals in Birmingham. Above, senior Ayrika Caldwell secures her "piece of the net" as the team and coaches cut it from the rim in celebration.

Coffee County Extension to host cotton production meeting

The Coffee County Extension office will host a cotton production meeting Monday, March 4, at the Coffee County Extension Community Room in New Brockton, Ala.

Regional extension agents and extension specialists from Auburn University will cover a number of topics including cotton weed, insect,

and disease management, cotton research update for 2024, on farm cotton variety trial results, irrigation in cotton, and cotton market outlook.

A sponsored lunch will be served to all those who register. Attendees can register by calling the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596.

For anyone in need of

reasonable accommodation or language access services, contact Gavin Mauldin at 334-894-5596 or gpm0006@auburn.edu by Feb. 27th.

News Brief

According to Coffee County court records, Philip Brian Box of Elba, will appear in court Thursday, Feb. 29, in Enterprise, for a Plea Hearing in the theft of property – first degree case he is facing. Box turned himself in to officials in January after an arrest warrant was issued from the Alabama Attorney General's office.

He was released a short time later on bond. Reportedly, the theft involved missing funds from the state coroner's association.

The Feb. 29th hearing has been scheduled "upon consideration of the defendant's Notice of In-tent to Plea on Information" – according to court documents.

Area Happenings

The Elba Public Library will host author Jeffrey K. Smith for a Book Talk and Signing this Friday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. Also, on Monday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m., the library will host author Rodrick Caldwell for a Book Talk on his handbook Man Thou Art Loosed Triggers, Volume 2. Light refreshment will be served at each.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will host its Eggs 'N' Issues Breakfast Friday, March 1, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Elba First Baptist Church. This meeting will provide election and legislative updates. Local candidates for the March 5 Primary Elections have been invited to participate along with current local legislative representatives. Breakfast tickets are \$10. Call the Elba Chamber of Commerce office for more details.

The Elba Lions Club annual Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, March 2, from 6-10 a.m. at the National Security Conference Center. Cost is a \$5 donation per plate.

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EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024, through Monday, Feb. 19, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Feb. 13 – Suspicious person reported at 14632 Hwy 84 (8:04 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one assistance rendered, one written warning, and one verbal warning.

Wednesday, Feb. 14 – Reckless driver reported on Sunset Blvd (4:48 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (7:46 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 835 County Rd 401 (11:00 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Kelley Dr (11:16 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (12:01 p.m.); Animal complaint reported

at 13977 Hwy 87 (4:00 p.m.); Fight reported on the square (9:06 p.m.); Report of shots fired in area of Jones St and Reynolds St (9:58 p.m.). Four traffic stops resulted in two citations, one verbal warning, and one written warning.

Thursday, Feb. 15 – Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 87 (8:55 a.m.); Vehicle fire reported at on Hwy 87 S - near the Davis St intersection (9:50 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 (3:02 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Reynolds Ave (6:55 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in two citations, two written warnings, and one verbal warning.

Friday, Feb. 16 – Suspicious vehicle reported on Neil Grantham Dr (12:05 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at

381 Tiger Dr (2:28 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 102 Polka Ave S (9:47 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 811 Buford St (2:14 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (4:39 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 804 Hwy 203 (9:14 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1477 Country Club Way (11:32 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in four verbal warnings, four written warnings, and two citations.

Saturday, Feb. 17 – Theft of property reported at 1006 Payne St (12:16 p.m.); Vandalism reported at 343 Brunson Circle (12:39 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1545 Edgewood Dr (1:35 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (7:03 p.m.). Thirteen

traffic stops resulted in five verbal warnings, three citations, and five written warnings.

Sunday, Feb. 18 – Suspicious person reported in area of Brookdale Ave and Elm Ave (5:47 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 81 Hwy 84 Access Rd (1:57 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 595 Collier St (9:47 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one arrest, and one written warning.

Monday, Feb. 19 – Traffic accident reported at 522 Claxton Ave N (12:08 p.m.); Vandalism reported at 1239 Jones Circle (1:12 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 837 Troy Hwy (4:43 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, four written warnings, and one citation.



Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister had every intention of eating at a new [for them] pizza joint last Friday night, but when they arrived at their destination, the large crowd waiting caused them to quickly change plans. Instead, they went to another popular restaurant best known for its steaks.

Lou Lou figured the wait for this place would be just as long, if not longer, than it appeared it was going to be at the pizza joint, but she was pleasantly surprised with how quickly the staff at the restaurant moved folks and got them seated. A couple of 2-person parties ahead of Lou Lou and Sister decided against the high-top table option they were offered... they opted instead to wait longer for a regular table. Well...when the young lady called for Lou Lou and Sister, Lou Lou let her know even before she could get the question out that she and Sister would take the high-top table.

Lou Lou had never ordered anything but steak to eat at this restaurant in times past, but on this occasion, both she and Sister opted to try something different. Part of the reason was that Lou Lou was planning to cook steaks at home the following night.

Lou Lou ordered a grilled chicken teriyaki entrée

while Sister opted for a grilled chicken BBQ type entrée. Both were pleasantly surprised with their choices. Lou Lou is convinced her chicken teriyaki was the best she had ever eaten while Sister said her chicken, which was covered in BBQ sauce, bacon and cheese, also was very tasty.

A short while later, the two exited the restaurant with full tummies, and agreed it was a good idea on that night to "go against the norm" and try something new. The only problem now is the next time Lou Lou visits that restaurant again, she will be torn between the steak or the teriyaki chicken now...she guesses it will come down to a split-second decision. Oh well...that is a good problem to have as far as Lou Lou is concerned.

Lou Lou and Sister will make it back to try the new pizza joint eventually, but last Friday night, they made a pretty good decision to go with "Option B" for supper.

Oh yeah...the steaks Lou Lou grilled for the Yonder Gang the following night were great too! Even Little Bean had her own small sampling of ribeye, and she gobbled it up quicker than most could swing a bat!

The bad news, however, is Sister has been speaking ugly words again this week...she thinks it is time to "cut back" on some food options and opt for a healthier diet for a bit. The thought just makes Lou Lou shudder even though Sister is probably correct (don't tell her Lou Lou admitted that!). We shall see what happens.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

NOTICE:

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, beginning at 1:30 p.m., the voting machines to be used in the March 5th Primary Election will be tested.

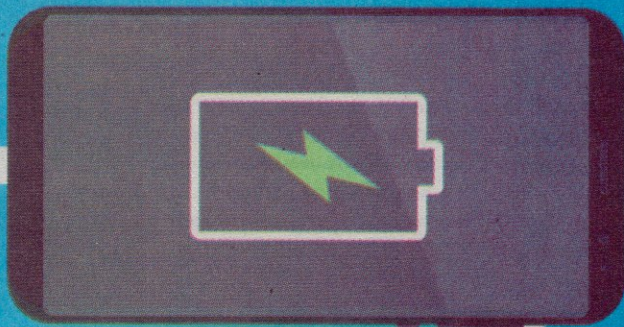
The voting machine check will be conducted at the Farm Center Coliseum Building at the Coffee County Complex, E. McKinnon St., New Brockton. The test is open to the general public and anyone is invited to attend. This testing is pursuant to §17-7-25 Code of Alabama, (1975) as amended.

For further information contact:

Jodee R. Thompson,
Judge of Probate
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and activity booklets that are available to children and schools throughout the state and beyond.

SHORT the Squirrel's appearance at the State House provided an opportunity for legislators to learn more about the organization's ongoing projects and initiatives aimed at enhancing literacy levels in Alabama. This includes the launch of its upcoming virtual birthday party and corresponding curriculum, which teachers across the state can access and receive for free to use as a supplement to their existing lesson plans as long as

they are registered in advance.

Developed in partnership with Alabama Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program and the Alabama Farmers Agricultural Foundation, SHORT'S fourth birthday party takes place in Dothan and highlights the rich agricultural bounty of the state in a fun and interactive way.

"We are thrilled to collaborate with SHORT the Squirrel in our ongoing efforts to make Alabama a better place to live, work and play," said Nick Williams, chairman of the Al-

abama Association of Resource, Conservation, and Development Councils. "Our partnership exemplifies our shared values and determination to create a more empowered society while highlighting all the wonderful things Alabama has to offer."

As Alabama continues to prioritize education and literacy, the presence of SHORT the Squirrel at the State House serves as a symbol of unity between families, educators and the community in the pursuit of a brighter, more educated future for young Alabamians.

LEGAL NOTICES:

Public Notices also are posted on the websites: www.elba-clipper.com and www.alabamapublicnotices.com at no extra charge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF **JOXELL RAMIREZ VELEZ**
CASE NO.: PRA-2023-019

NOTICE OF ADOPTION HEARING
NOTICE TO: JAVIER RAMOS TORRES

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption in the above styled matter has been filed in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Enterprise, Alabama by the Petitioner, named below and the 8TH day of March, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. has been set for a hearing on the same in said Court in the City of Enterprise, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption you must file a written response within thirty (30) days with the attorney for the Petitioner whose name and address are shown below and with the clerk of the said Probate Court. A copy of the Petition to Adopt is attached to this Notice as required by statute.

Petitioner:
Joxell Ramirez Velez
306 W. Brunson Street
Enterprise, Alabama 36330

Attorney for Petitioner:
Thadius W. Morgan, Jr.
Post Office Box 310396
Enterprise, Alabama 36331

Dated this the 31st day of January, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF **JOXELL RAMIREZ VELEZ**.

PETITION FOR ADOPTION
To the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate:

COMES NOW the Petitioner, Joxell Ramirez Velez, age 28 years, address 306 W. Brunson Street, Enterprise, Alabama 36330, desiring to adopt a child under the provisions of Code of Alabama, 1975 §26-10a-1 et seq., respectfully show unto Your Honor as follows:

That the Petitioner is a resident of the State of Alabama, County of Coffee. That the Petitioner married the natural mother of the minor child, Javier Manuel Rivera Ramos, on November 19, 2017.

That the Petitioner respectfully petitions Your Honor for leave to adopt that certain minor child named and described as follows: Javiel Manuel Rivera Ramos, date of birth August 19, 2011. That the child's name after adoption shall be Javiel Manuel Ramirez Ramos. That the Petitioner desires to establish a parent and child relationship with the adoptee and that the Petitioner represents to the Court that he is a fit and proper person able to care for and provide for the adoptee's welfare. That said minor child is related to the Petitioner as follows: step-son. The Petitioner further avers that said child is now in the

custody of Frances Marie Ramos Torres, the natural mother, with the address of 306 W. Brunson Street, Enterprise, Alabama 36330, as the natural father has abandoned physical custody of the child to the mother.

The Petitioner further avers that there exist the following orders of Court regarding custody, visitation or access to the adoptee None. That there is not a placing agency.

That the names and last known addresses of all persons known to the Petitioner at the time of filing this Petition from whom consents or relinquishments to this adoption are required by law are as follows:

Name: Frances Marie Ramos Torres; Age: 31 years; Address: 306 W. Brunson St., Enterprise, AL 36330
Name: Javier Rivera Torres; Age: 36 years; Address: unknown

The Petitioner avers that the natural father, Javier Rivera Torres, has had no contact with the minor child since birth nor has he given any support for the child and has abandoned the child. That said child has been in the home of the Petitioner since May 15, 2014.

WHEREFORE, the premises considered, the Petitioner prays that Your Honor will take jurisdiction of the matters contained in this Petition, issue an interlocutory order delegating custody and/or the responsibility for care, maintenance and support of the adoptee, and that Your Honor will set a day for a dispositional hearing and will make such other and further orders and decrees as may be necessary to effectuate the legal adoption of said child. Done this 12th day of June, 2023.

/s/ Joxell Ramirez Velez
JOXELL RAMIREZ VELEZ
Petitioner

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE
Before me the undersigned authority, personally appeared **JOXELL RAMIREZ VELEZ** who, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and says that he has read the foregoing Petition, that he understands same and that the matters therein contained are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.
/s/ Joxell Ramirez Velez
JOXELL RAMIREZ VELEZ

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of June, 2023.

/s/ Toni D. Dewberry
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 01/11/2027

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2/8, 15, 22 & 29-chg.

Request for Purchase Agreement and Proposal
The west half of the building located at 347 West Davis St. on Courthouse Square in Elba is being offered for sale by the Elba Redevelopment Authority (ERA). The building is often referred to as "The Dime Store" building and the east half is now being occupied by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

The property will be sold as is, and the new owner will be given twelve months from closing to finish the interior and occupy the building.


The deed will reflect an agreement between the new owner and the ERA (who owns the Chamber office space) if joint repairs are required. The current roof was replaced with insurance funds in 2024 as a result of hail damage. A new roof would be an example of a shared cost expense.

Your proposal should include a plan for the use of the site, an estimated date of occupancy, and your offered purchase price. Please contact City Hall if you would like to examine the property.

Your sealed proposal must be submitted to the ERA at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford St., no later than 5:00 P. M. on March 21, 2024. The ERA will consider each proposal based on monetary offer and benefit to the city. The ERA reserves the right to reject all proposals. 2/22, 29, 3/7 & 14-chg.

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Mend a Broken Heart Month

February can be a trying time for those who have experienced a loss. While for most, February has other more symbolic meanings, it is also Mend a Broken Heart Month. In the spirit of mending broken hearts, here are a few ways to cope with the grief of a lost loved one.

For those who have experienced a recent loss, the prospect of going out and dating again can seem scary and even disrespectful to their lost partner. There are plenty of dating groups both community and online that specialize in helping widows and widowers find love again after a loss. These groups often provide both emotional support and physical activities to encourage those who are bereaved to mingle and grow together past their grief.

If your grief is still too recent, there are projects that can help ease the pain of loss. If your lost beloved had a favorite shirt or sweater you don't mind parting with: try adding some pillow filler to the garment and sew up the sleeves and the neck. The completed pillow can now provide some comfort, as if your lost loved has never truly left.

If there was a cause you and your lost loved one supported together: try donating your time or energy to the same cause to honor their legacy. If there was not a cause you and your loved one shared, there are plenty of other causes that are doing great work during the month of February. In addition to Mend a Broken Heart Month, February is also Women's Heart Health Month. Those causes can be supported by donating blankets to those in need, winter coats to the homeless or donating time to visit the lonely in hospice care centers or local nursing homes and hospitals.

This February, take some time to try and mend a broken heart: be it yours or someone else's. Know you are not alone and things will improve. Be kind to yourself and know your feelings of sadness are normal. Don't hesitate to reach out to others if you need some extra support.

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CHARLES JUNIOR BOSWELL

Mr. Charles Junior Boswell, age 79, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, at Serenity South Enterprise Assisted Living Facility in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Wayne Sharpe officiating. Burial will follow in the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Adam Carlee conducting the committal service.

The family asked that memorials be made to the Fairview Baptist Church Cemetery, c/o 3159 Hwy 87, Samson, AL 36477.

Mr. Boswell was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Jeanette Boswell; his parents, Annis Belle and Johnny Andrew Boswell; along with a brother, Lamar Boswell.

Survivors include his son: Keith (Dana) Boswell, Elba; daughter: Cindy (Eric) Gibson, Elba; granddaughters: Nicole Boswell (Josh) Reeves, Slocomb, Ala., and McKinley Gibson, Elba; grandsons: Hunter (Marlee) Boswell, Slocomb, and Wade Gibson, Elba; two great-granddaughters: Annistyn Lyla Reeves, and Annleigh Faye Boswell, both of Slocomb; sisters: Sara Boswell, and Mary Wallace, both of Elba, Louise Ezell, Enterprise, Christine Lowry, Jack, Ala., and Janet Boswell, Opp, Ala.; brother: Kenneth (Melinda) Boswell, Enterprise, Ala.; along with several nieces & nephews.

CHRISTOPHER SHANE NELSON

Mr. Christopher Shane Nelson, age 32, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024, at his home in Elba.

Graveside and burial services were held Friday, Feb. 16, 2024, from the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Jimmy Williams officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed the services.

The family asked that memorial contributions be made to <https://gofund.me/48031cd8>

Survivors include his mother: Danielle Nelson, father: Kenneth Scott Nelson, daughters: Anna Belle Grace Nelson, and Serenity L Donaldson, son: Jordan Blake Donaldson, sister: Cassandra Holly Nelson, paternal grandmother: Linda Sue Nelson, aunts: Dena (Eli) Praytor, and Dawn Nelson; cousins: Ryan Nelson, Nikki (Long) Phan, nephew: Kaden Nelson, all of Elba; and uncle: Bo (Kim) Green, Troy, Ala.

WILLIE LOUISE GAMBLE

Mrs. Willie Louise Gamble, age 93, of New Brockton, Ala., affectionately known as "Ninny," died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2024, at her granddaughter's residence in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Roy Turner and Rev. Derek Snellgrove officiat-

ing. Burial followed in the Mt. Pleasant Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Gamble was preceded in death by her parents, Cleveland & Madie Deal Yohn; husband, Fred Gamble; son, Douglas Gamble; son-in-law, Cliff Stout; granddaughter, Amanda Brown; great-grandchildren, Angel Seay, David Michael Peters, and Jeremy Seay; sisters, Elouise Purvis, Ethel Courtney, Aulcie Blanton, and Mary Tidwell; and by her brother, William Cleveland Yohn Jr.

Survivors include her daughters: Beverly (Jimmy) Pair, and Theresa Stout, both of New Brockton; granddaughters: Bereka (Bill) Paez, and Alena (Marc) Wilhite, both of Enterprise, Ala., Tonja (Paul) Elia, Daleville, Ala., Sonja (Daniel) Barreto, Argyle, Fla., Shanna (Dallas) Holland, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Emily Granger, and Hannah Gamble, both of Dothan, Ala.; grandson: Daniel Pair Jr., Headland, Ala.; honorary grandchildren: Mark Ingram, and Rose (Adam) Tapoozian; great-grandsons: Jessie (Diana) Peters, Justin Wise, Jacob (Alexa) Peters, Tony (Marissa) Barreto, David (Rachel) Barreto, Hunter Brown, Harrison Brown, Samuel Ferrer, Warren Moon, Cade Holland, Evan Holland, Jude Gamble, and Noah Gamble; great-granddaughters: Jessica (Gaylen) Cooper, Tera (Javier) Ruiz, Sarah (Charles) Harris, Emily (Alan) Mueller, McKinsey Brown, Brianna Morgan, Olivia Granger, and Sammy (Bobby) Aldridge; 25 great great-grandchildren (and 2 more on the way); and numerous nieces, nephews, and other loved ones.

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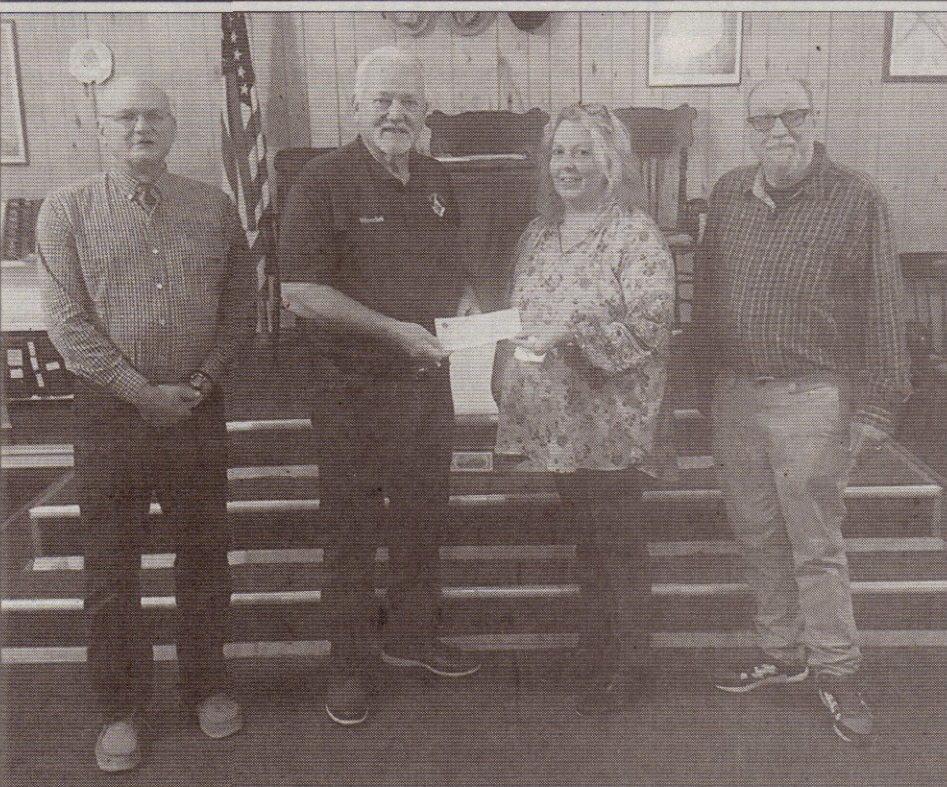
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The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 recently honored the Pine Level Senior Citizens Center with a check for \$300 in thanks for the community's support of the local Masons and their events. Accepting the check for the Center was the Calista DuBose, center director, and she was asked to use the funds as needed for the Pine Level seniors needs. Pictured (left to right): Mike Amison, Wendell Black, Carlita DuBose, and Eddie Kelley.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter 334-282-2200



Scripture: Psalm 40: 1-2
Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Joshua Kelley, Beatrice Belcher, Gene Culver, Mary Sue Dawson, Wendy Wood, Brittany Woodfolk Gillian, Betty Moore, Denise St. John

February / March Birthdays & Anniversaries
Robert & Pamela Edwards 2/21 W.A.
Tim Caldwell 2/23
Sterl Jones 2/25
Dianne Culver 2/25
Brittany Caldwell 2/26
Alonzo (Flake) Cole 2/27
Jovon Smedley 2/27
Tarlisa Warren 2/28
Tina Neal 3/1
Emily Newman 3/1
Rev. W.L. Peterson 3/2

Celebrating Black History Month
Rod Ziegler - Christian Comedian
Whether helping in the neighborhood or volunteering his time as a youth counselor at the Center

for Drug Free Living, Rod Ziegler always finds a way to make people laugh and enjoy living. In more reflective moments, he consistently Celebrating Black History Month Benjamin E. Mays strives for the best in humankind, urging today's young people to take pride in themselves and to never stop reaching for the stars. The students at Bethune Cookman College where Rod majored in mass communications thought he was the "cat's meow." During his time there, he was constantly sought after to do campus events and continues to do so to this day. In his development as a comedian, he admits to being greatly influenced by Bill Cosby, Sinbad, and Jonathan Slocum. Notwithstanding such great names in the comedic world, Rod's greatest influence by admission is God. Rod believes his sense of humor is a gift from God, whose inspiration helps him to write the plethora of hilarious jokes he comes up with in his career. In a short time, he has opened for such notables as God's Property, Trinity 5/7, and others. He has appeared on national television. Rod also received rave reviews for his performances in the theatrical productions of the colored museum and soldiers play. The second artist to sign with the newly formed Allen and Allen Music Group, Rod was extremely excited about his first comedy album release, Stop Me If I'm Lying! Filmed before a live, packed audience at the Potter's House Church in Orlando, Florida, the video sold like hotcakes, highlighting in a big way his connection with the audience. He appears to slip into and out of character effortlessly. One woman lost count of how many of the videos she

bought and gave away to friends who were depressed or, in one instance, suffered from rheumatoid arthritis. Viewing the video lifted their spirits. She had given away her last video and when she attempted to order more, she was told they were no longer available. Seeing Mr. Ziegler in person, she told him what she'd been doing with the videos. He was humbled almost to tears to discover his video was being used to minister to the needs of others, and he gave the lady an autographed video to keep for herself. One of the benefits of celebrity status is being asked to do what he loves: speak with young people. They gravitate toward Rod because he is informative and funny. One of the headliners from whom Rod opened said that he appreciates Rod's clean, comedic style and that when you're funny, you're just funny! Through all his successes, Rod keeps it clean and gives God the glory and all the credit, keeping his eyes on Jesus. - Black Personality VMI (Urban Ministries Inc).

Question / Answer Section
Q/A for the week of 2/22/24
True or False
Q: Jonah was so upset with God that he asked God to take away his life.
A: True [Jonah 4:3]
Q: Jonah was identified as the cause of the storm at sea by the casting of lots.
A: True [Jonah 1:7]

Questions for the Week of 2/29/24
True or False
Q: Peter went into the tomb, but the disciple who accompanied him did not.
Q: Experience teaches that only Satan can separate us from God's love.
Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Visit Coffee County's website for election information

Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee R. Thompson invites voters to visit the election website: www.coffee-countyvotes.com While there: Register to vote; Check registration status; View a sample ballot; Find polling location; View the offices up for elections; View a current list of elected officials; Apply to become a poll worker; Apply for an absentee ballot, and much more!

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Pastor's Corner

by Rev. Paul Jackson, Pastor
Covenant Community Church, Elba

Making a life...Not just a living Help for This Journey We Are On

It's not always easy to live fully each day, is it? At least it's not for me. It seems that I am always losing my way when it comes to maintaining a positive attitude and a warm and gracious spirit toward people. So, the next time you're grumbling about your day, or all bothered by someone, try these five life-enriching affirmations.

They just might change how you feel about the life you're living.

- Today...I will treat everyone I meet with kindness.
- Today...I will be grateful for everyone and everything in my life.
- Today... I will say "thank you" and "please" - 100 times.
- Today...I will welcome my imperfections. All of them.
- Today...I will relax more and laugh often.

These affirmations aren't complex, are they? Anyone could practice them. They make sense, and deep down, you know they are life-enriching, don't you? So, what are you waiting on? Why not give them a try and see what happens?

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ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service...7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School...9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class...6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train...5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship...6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service...9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night...7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship...9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship...10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal...5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer...6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training...5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School...10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:45 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship...10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship...5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night...7:00 p.m.
Thur. Night...7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School...9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Services...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School...10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning...10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening...5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service...6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service...6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Morn. Worship...8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting...7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC
Glenwood, AL
Sunday Prayer...9:30 a.m.
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Worship Service...11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting...6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School...8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting...6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Heath Fountain, Pastor
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service...9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service...10:30 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service...6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service...6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting...7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st, 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship...7:00 p.m.

PRAYSE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH
A. R. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH
Kerry Saxon, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study...6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Leon Fortune, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service...5:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Noon Worship...12 noon
Even. Service...7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon...7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class...7:00 p.m.
Fri. Missionary Ser...7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba
Max Reed, Minister
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class...7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
C.P. Davis, Pastor
Sunday School...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service...6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH
Donald Mills, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service...6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:45 p.m.
Wed. Worship...7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE
Ruby Lawson, Pastor
Morn. Worship...10:30 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ken Wilson, Pastor
Morn. Worship...9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...10:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
Lucas Taylor, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dustin Wisecarver, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Donnie Marler, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet...6:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Mike Medley, Pastor
Sunday School...10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service...7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cary Maulden, Pastor
Sunday School...9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship...11:00 a.m.
Even. Service...6:00 p.m.

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2024 Miss Elba Pageants set for Saturday, Feb. 24th

The 2024 Miss Elba Pageants are set for Saturday, Feb. 24, and will be held from the Elba High School auditorium, beginning at 5 p.m. Queens will be crowned in six categories: Future Little Miss, Little Miss, Petite Miss, Young Miss, Junior Miss, and Miss Elba. General admission is \$7, but visiting queens from the area will be admitted free of charge.



Eva Claire Moore
Future Little Miss contestant



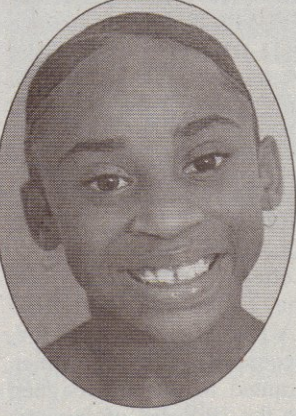
Ava Astemborski
Future Little Miss contestant



Ella Pugh
Petite Miss contestant



Bella Bane
Petite Miss contestant



Jekayli Hammonds
Little Miss contestant



Gracelynn Henderson
Little Miss contestant



Laiken Harrelson
Petite Miss contestant



Colins Hall
Petite Miss contestant



Farris Mauldin
Little Miss contestant



Taylor Day
Junior Miss contestant



Piper Astemborski
Young Miss contestant



Parrish Grantham
Young Miss contestant



Kayden Moseley
Junior Miss contestant



Hillary Hudson
Junior Miss contestant



Elizabeth James
Young Miss contestant



Cate Capps
Young Miss contestant



Payton Parks
Junior Miss contestant



Keele Moseley
Miss contestant



Parrish Grantham, Young Miss Elba contestant



Alyssa McFarland
Miss contestant



Kendra Juarez
Miss contestant



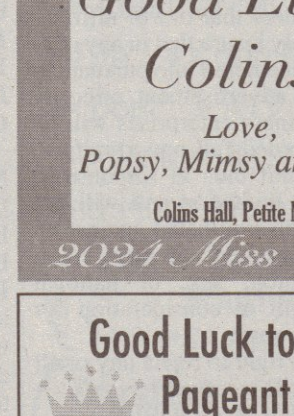
Bella Bane, Petite Miss Elba contestant



Bella Bane, Petite Miss Elba contestant



Hillary Hudson, Junior Miss Elba contestant



Colins Hall, Petite Miss Elba contestant

2024 Miss Elba Pageants

Good Luck,
Ava!

Love Always,
Your Family

Ava Astemborski, Future Little Miss contestant

2024 Miss Elba Pageants

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Good Luck,
Bella!

From... Cara, Sandra,
Ashley, Felisa & Bryson

Bella Bane, Petite Miss Elba contestant

2024 Miss Elba Pageants

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Good Luck,
Farris!

Love, Mama, Daddy,
Cora & Adelaide

Farris Mauldin, Little Miss Elba contestant

2024 Miss Elba Pageants

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Good Luck!

We Love You,
Mommy, Daddy,
& Riggs

Eva Claire Moore
Future Little Miss Elba contestant

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Wishing You
All the Best!

Love,
Momma, Daddy,
& Christopher

Elizabeth James, Young Miss Elba contestant

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Good Luck,
Cate!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Cole

Cate Capps, Young Miss Elba contestant

2024 Miss Elba Pageants

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Good Luck,
Taylor!

Love, Robby, Mom,
Byrdie, Nana, & Granny

Taylor Day, Junior Miss Elba contestant

2024 Miss Elba Pageants

2024 Miss Elba Pageants

Good Luck,
Bella!

Love Always,
Nona

Bella Bane, Petite Miss Elba contestant

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Good Luck,
Piper!

Love Always,
Your Family

Piper Astemborski, Young Miss contestant

2024 Miss Elba Pageants

2024 Miss Elba Pageants

Good Luck,
Bella!

We Love You,
The Shehees

Bella Bane, Petite Miss contestant

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Good Luck,
Bella!

Love,
The Woodhams

Bella Bane, Petite Miss Elba contestant

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for Lawn Care will be received by the City of Elba, at the meeting room of City Hall; 200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama 36323, until 10:00 A. M. local time on February 29, 2024, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities. The bid is for lawn care maintenance for the following listed properties belonging to the City of Elba Lot #35 OF SMITH BRASWELL SUBD located at 1208 Highland Dr.

Lots #22-27 of SMITH BRASWELL WEST SUBD located at 980 Drayton Ave.; 978 Drayton Ave.; 918 Drayton Ave. (on two lots); and two undeveloped lots.

Regular mowing and maintenance is required to be completed twice for the months of April through September, and once per month for the month of March and October through February.

The areas to be maintained include all areas within the lots described above. Mowing also includes needed weed-eating and edging as well as flower bed maintenance. Shrubs are to be pruned, beds weeded, and pine straw added once each year.

All trash, and debris, should be picked up and disposed of before and after each mowing.

The contractor will furnish all labor and equipment for the performance of this contract. All work is to be performed in a professional manner, using clean, and well-maintained equipment. Mowing must be done during daylight hours.

No mowing or weed eating should be done when people are present to protect them from flying rocks or debris. Any use of weed killer or other chemicals must be approved by the city street supervisor.

The contractor will be paid monthly at Elba City Hall for work completed and inspected. The name of the one responsible for inspection will be provided to the contractor.

The contractor will always have to maintain and provide proof of General Liability Insurance with a minimum of \$500,000 coverage, and a City of Elba Business License. The contractor is required to comply with all local, state, and federal employment rules and regulations.

The contractor shall be responsible for all property damage, accidents, injury, and any other liabilities incurred while performing the lawn care and maintenance. The City of Elba reserves the right to terminate this contract in the event it determines that the contractor has failed to satisfactorily

perform the duties listed in the contract. A 30-day written notice of cancellation will be given to the contractor. Furthermore, the contractor is required to give in writing a 30-day notice if termination of services is desired or if said party becomes unable to fulfill this contract.

All interested parties should submit a sealed bid containing all appropriate contact information, commercial lawncare experience details, at least three references, and the annual bid amount they are submitting. This bid will be for a two-year contract. The contractor will be notified once selected after all bids are reviewed and due diligence by the city council has been completed. The selected contractor will then be required to submit all necessary documents and proof of insurance, as well as sign a copy of the lawn care maintenance to keep on file.

Due to the uncertainty of the mowing needs, we ask that bids be submitted on a "cost per cutting" basis. This will enable the council to budget if additional mowing frequency is required during the summer months. Currently eighteen cuttings have been budgeted for the year. Your interest in this bidding process is greatly appreciated.

Owner: The City of Elba
By: Tom Maddox
Title: Mayor
2/1,8,15&22-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA S. FEJEDELEM, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 2024-021

TAKENOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to D. Bruce McLean as Administrator of the Estate of Linda S. Fejedelem, deceased, on the 31st day of January, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
2/8,15&22-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HOWARD G. BRYAN, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 2024-028

TAKENOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Nadine Bryan, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Howard G. Bryan, deceased, on the 14th day of February, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law for the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
2/22,29&3/7-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEON EDWARD BLAISE, DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2024-029

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of **LEON EDWARD BLAISE**, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee

County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.
/s/ Jeremy Edward Blaise
JEREMY EDWARD BLAISE
Personal Representative of said Estate
2/22,29&3/7-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MILDRED EVELYN PERRY, DECEASED.

CASE NO.: PR-2024-027

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of **MILDRED EVELYN PERRY**, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 19th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.
/s/ Jeanne Claire Laxton
JEANNE CLAIRE LAXTON
Personal Representative

/s/ James Barton Perry
JAMES BARTON PERRY
Personal Representative
2/22,29, & 3/7-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SHERMAN DEAN BLANKENSHIP, DECEASED.
CASE NO. PR-2024-025

NOTICE OF PROBATE
Letters Testamentary, without bond, of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of February, 2024 by the Honorable **Jodee R. Thompson**, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Katie Elaine Clements
KATIE ELAINE CLEMENTS, Personal Representative

PRIM & MENDHEIM, LLC
/s/ R. Cliff Mendheim
R. CLIFF MENDHEIM, Attorney for Personal Representative
2/15,22&29-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN ALLEN MORRIS, DECEASED.
CASE NO. PR-2024-024

NOTICE OF PROBATE
Letters Testamentary, without bond, of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of February, 2024 by the Honorable **Jodee R. Thompson**, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Tonia Morris Rose
TONIA MORRIS ROSE, Personal Representative

PRIM & MENDHEIM, LLC
/s/ H. Samuel Prim, III
H. SAMUEL PRIM, III, Attorney for Personal Representative
2/15,22&29-pd.

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LEGAL NOTICES:

Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. STPAA-HSIP-0027(520) COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on February 23, 2024 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Safety Widening, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on SR-27 from the Coffee County Line to a point near MP 22.774 (4-Lane Section) southwest of Enterprise. Length 4.595 mi. The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Forty-five (45) Working Days. A 0.50% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required. A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$6.00

per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made. Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations. Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies, concerning the

project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$1,569,724 To \$1,918,551. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110. In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids. The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the

Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.
JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director
2/8,15&22-chg.

LEGAL NOTICES: (continued from Page 6)

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR
WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2023 Second Special Session enacted Act No. 2023-562 (SB3), proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022;
WHEREAS, in conformity with Section 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, as amended, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the state upon such proposed amendment; and
WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, which shall be published once a week for at least four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election;
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following

proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:
**A M E N D M E N T
PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2023-562**
“Section 71.01
(A) The following words and phrases, whenever used in this amendment, shall have the following respective meanings:
“Basic Appropriations” means, with respect to any regular session of the legislature, such appropriations as the legislature may deem appropriate for the expenditures by the state during the ensuing budget period for the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments-branches of the state, for payment of the public debt, and for education (excluding, however, any item within the scope of the foregoing that is at the time provided for by a continuing appropriation or otherwise).
“Budget Period” means a fiscal year of the state or such period other than a fiscal year as may hereafter be fixed by law as the period with respect to which state budgets are prepared and state appropriations are made.

(B) On or before the second legislative day of each regular session of the legislature, beginning with the first regular session after January 1, 1983, the governor shall transmit to the legislature for its consideration a proposed budget for the then next ensuing budget period.
(C) The duty of the legislature at any regular session to make the basic appropriations for any budget period that will commence before the first day of any succeeding regular session shall be paramount; and, accordingly, beginning with the first regular session held after January 1, 1983, no bill (other than a bill making any of the basic appropriations) shall be signed by either the presiding officer of the house or senate and transmitted to the other house until bills making the basic appropriations for the then ensuing budget period shall have been signed by the presiding officer of each house of the legislature in accordance with Section 66 of this Constitution and presented to the governor in accordance with Section 125 of this Constitution; provided, that this paragraph (C) shall not affect the pas-

sage of local laws or local constitutional amendments, the adoption of resolutions, or the conduct of any other legislative functions that do not require a third reading; and provided further, that following adoption, by vote of either house of not less than three-fifths of a quorum present, of a resolution declaring that the provisions of this paragraph (C) shall not be applicable in that house to a particular bill, which shall be specified in said resolution by number and title, the bill so specified may proceed to final passage therein.
(D) Upon the signing and presentation to the governor in accordance with the said Sections 66 and 125 of bills making the basic appropriations, the provisions of the foregoing paragraph (C) prohibiting the final passage of bills in the house and senate (other than bills making any part of the basic appropriations) shall cease to be effective and shall not be revived or become again effective as a result of (i) the subsequent legislative history of any bill so signed and presented, including any veto, return with executive amendment, or any other

action, or failure to act, by either the governor or the legislature under the provisions of the said Section 125; or (ii) a determination, by either judicial decree or opinion of the justices of the Alabama Supreme Court, that any bill so signed and presented is wholly or in part invalid.
(E) The legislature may, by statute or rule, make such further provisions for the timely passage of bills making the basic appropriations as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.
(F) Nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the legislature to make any appropriation not otherwise required by this Constitution to be made.

(G) Notwithstanding any provision of this amendment, any resolution authorizing the consideration of a bill proposing a local law adopted before November 8, 2016March 5, 2024, that conformed to the rules of either body of the Legislature at the time it was adopted, is ratified, approved, validated, and confirmed, and the application of any such resolution is effective from the date of original adoption.”
FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, March 5, 2024, in every county as required by law.
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SUPPLEMENTAL LIST OF COFFEE COUNTY QUALIFIED VOTERS

STATE OF ALABAMA COFFEE COUNTY Pursuant to the Code of Alabama, 1975, §17-4-1, I, JODEE R THOMPSON, Probate Judge, hereby certify that the within constitutes the supplement list of registered voters inadvertently omitted from the original list published previously, as the same appears from the list on file in this office based on information provided by the Board of Registrars. JODEE R THOMPSON Judge of Probate			
PRECINCT DISTRICT 1 ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST MARY SHANNON ANDERSON SALLY ANN SIEVERS BANE STUART BRADLEY BANE JAMES PHILLIP BANNIN GLORIA BARLOW PHYLLIS BRYAN BARLOW RICKY ANDERSON BARLOW CHASSIDY MIKAYLA BARNES JAKE CECIL BATCHELOR PEGGY J BAXLEY DANNY DWAYNE BECKMAN NANCY Y BEDSOLE ALEXANDER KYLE BEERENSTRAUCH AMANDA RENEE BEERENSTRAUCH BEATRICE BELCHER DANNY BELCHER TAKIYAH CHRISTINE BELCHER BARBARA BELTZ ANTHONY WAYNE BERRY JANET BERRY LINDA GAYLE BERRY TAMATHA BELL BERRY TYLER JEROME BERRY DORA J BIAS CHRISTOPHER BRETT BIMBO JACKLIN KAY BIMBO KAELYN BRAYLEE BIMBO MARGARET F BIMBO ADAM COURTNEY BINGHAM NICOLE MARIE BINGHAM SUBHAI MOHAMED BINKASSIM ARTHUR JEROME BLACKMON LINDA PADGETT BLAIR JESSIE LEE BLAZER JOAN BLAZER JOHN WESLEY BLAZER KARL A BLEDSOE MELANIE R BLEDSOE SUE Y BOGGAN JORDAN LANIER BONE AMANDA MAE BOOE SCOTT DAVID BOOE ROGER DALE BOOTHE ROGER KENT BORK SHELLY JUNE BORK DANA GRIFFIN BOSWELL SADI SKYE BOSWELL DAVID ALFORD COON MARY JANE COON JAQUAYLON MARDARIUS EVERETT WINONA KAYE GENTRY RANDALL WAYNE GRIFFIN CARLOS ALBERTO HARRISON-BAXTER CHRISTOPHER WAYNE HUDSON LUKE THOMAS LEWIS	PRECINCT DISTRICT 1 WISE MILL OSCAR FLOYD BARBEREE FRANKY TORRES BORRERO HAYLEY LASHAY GEIGER WILLIAM ALEXANDER HALL MONTANA PAIGE JORDAN SARAFINA RAE KEELER DAVID KYLE MONTGOMERY	PRECINCT DISTRICT 1 NEW BROCKTON COMM. ROOM KEVIN MATTHEW COSPER MIKAYLA ALFORD DEAN ALFRED DONALD HENDERSON KATHY D HOLLEY ROBERT DONALD HOLLEY SARAH MICHELLE JONES TOBI DARRIN LOWRY GARY LEE MOIST MATTHEW LEE PATTERSON NICOLE DALY PATTERSON MICHELLE LEIGH RUIZ	PRECINCT DISTRICT 1 PINE LEVEL SENIOR CTR. AUSTIN CARPENTER TRAVIS LEE CARR FRANKLIN LEE PUGH FRANKLIN LEE PUGH III KATHLEEN M PUGH
PRECINCT DISTRICT 2 HERITAGE UMC MARY ELIZABETH BROWN SHEENA LEIGH DANIELS MARIAH VICTORIA DAVIDSON MICAIAH RAY DAVIDSON FELICIA ANNE FLORES MASON ALEXANDER GRANKE PHYLLIS ROSE GRICH KARIM HEIKAL ADDYSON AUSTON HESTER ELIZABETH ANN KNOWLES KYLENE RENEE LEWIS AMY LYNN LLOYD ILRANA ISIS LOVE CYNTHIA ANN MAYS JANIE MICHELLE MCINNIS HEATHER LYN ORMSBY DWAYNE ALLEN REDDING SR LAURA GRACE SCOTT KASSANDRA JEAN SWAN CODY STEVEN LEE TICER DAVID NEAL TINDOL CRAIG L VAN LOAN WALLACE ROBERT WHITE JR ANDREA JO WISOR	PRECINCT DISTRICT 2 FRISCO FAITH DEWBERRY BATES JAY HUNTER COPELAND ADDIE LAVENDER WILLIAM LEE MCCLAIN III COLTON GIBSON MILEY JOHN PHILLIP ROBERTS	PRECINCT DISTRICT 2 EANON MACY ANNE MCINTOSH JAMES TANNER OAKES MELISSIA ANN UMLOR	PRECINCT DISTRICT 2 JOHN'S CHAPEL CHURCH AMIYAH ALLYSON ANISE ADKINS BRENDA DENISE BALDWIN ROGER DEAN CARSTENS JEFFREY MONTEL FLUELLEN TALISA NYACIA FRAZIER LAUREN MCMILLS GALIMORE JANEL JADE GOULETTE CHA'MON DEVON HARRIS DONNA JUNE HARRIS RANDY ALAN HARRIS PHILIP ALLEN HARROD ADRIANA C HILLMAN PATRICIA MICHELLE HILLMAN SHIRLEY TEMPLE HILLMAN SARAH ANN HIMES DORION RASHON JONES FATOUmata KONE BRYAN EDWARD LEE VICTORIA GRACE LINDSEY
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I got to spend a little extra time with my daughter Melissa and my grandson Lawson last week as I drove the Elba Junior Beta Club to a three-day state convention, in Montgomery. While it really wasn't much fun driving a school bus in all the traffic, it was great to get the chance to spend the time with my daughter and grandson. So, I guess it all evened out.

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Lady Tigers will have already played in the finals of the South Region by the time you read this, but anyway, the Lady Tigers tipped off region play last week and rallied in the second half to knock off upset-minded Georgiana. The Elba girls trailed by 15-points early in the third quarter after a lackluster first half, but caught Georgiana by the end of the quarter and then scored the game's final two baskets to pull out the win. I will give Georgiana credit for having a great game plan and playing well for all four quarters, but it looked to me like the Lady Tigers were overconfident early on and regained their swagger just in time to keep the season alive.

*** The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw their historic season come to an end at the South Region with a disappointing four-point loss to Straughn. The Lady Gamecocks battled for all four quarters in their first trip ever to the region tournament and left feeling like they could have won the game and kept their season alive, if not for the fact Straughn was whistled for a total of 10 team fouls the entire game, while the Lady Gamecocks had three starters foul out. Despite the way it turned out, New Brockton put girls' basketball back on the map and no doubt will return next season with a new determination to make it back to Montgomery, and beyond.

*** The high school baseball season opened last week and the Elba Tiger junior varsity hit the field and split a doubleheader with Zion Chapel. The Tiger JV have struggled in recent years to find wins, but was ready to play in its opener and it was good to get win number one in the first game of the season. The young Tigers obviously have a lot of work left to do, but to get an early-season win should pump lots of enthusiasm into the players and lead to many more wins along the way.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers junior varsity opened its softball season last week in a tournament in Ozark and played five games in two days to open the season with a bang. The Elba girls battled through the cold temperatures and rain to post two wins in the eight-team tournament, and the coaches made sure every single player on the roster got the chance to bat and play in the field. It was good to see the girls pick up two early-season wins and I believe this bunch will win a lot more as the season rolls along.

*** A look around the area found a relatively quiet week for high school baseball and softball teams. On the baseball field, Zion Chapel's junior varsity hit the field three times and closed the week with a 2-4 record, while the Gamecocks from New Brockton Middle School got off to an 0-2 start, and the Kinston JV split its opening two games. Over on the softball field, Kinston JV opened the week and logged seven straight wins to open a lot of eyes, while Zion Chapel got a big season opening win over the Kinston varsity. Maybe it wasn't as quiet as I thought!

*** In closing.... I went to a JV softball tournament in Ozark over the weekend and while everyone was there to enjoy the sport of softball, many of the people I talked with wanted to know when Alvin Henderson would commit and where he was headed. I told them he doesn't appear to be in any hurry to make a commitment, but the majority of the folks that asked were Auburn fans and were pulling for the Elba Tiger standout to head to the Plains. In Alabama it is football season twelve months a year.

In South Region opener

Elba escapes Panther trap 41-37

The Elba Lady Tigers opened play last Wednesday afternoon at the South Region basketball tournament, at Garrett Coliseum, in Montgomery, and rallied in the second half to post a hard fought 41-37 win over the Georgiana Panthers.

Elba grabbed an early 4-2 lead on a basket by Brooke Tinsley, but then went almost four minutes without scoring and watched as Georgiana went on a run to open up a 12-4 advantage. Kendra Juarez scored with 1:33 left in the first quarter to snap the scoring drought, but the Lady Tigers never got on track and trailed 14-6 heading into the second stanza.

Elba continued to have problems finding its way to the basket in the second quarter and after an early free throw by Ana Caldwell this time went almost six minutes without a point as Kendra Juarez again battled her way inside for a basket with 33-seconds left in the half that left the Lady Tigers behind 22-9 at intermission.

Georgiana upped its lead to 24-9 early in the third quarter, but an aggressive defense and the play of A'Lyric Whitfield and Ana Caldwell sparked an Elba rally as the Lady Tigers pulled even at 27-27 with 25-seconds left in the quarter on a Caldwell basket.

Georgiana moved back on top 31-27 early in the fourth quarter. However, the Lady Tigers again battled back and took their first lead since early in the game at 37-35 with 3:03 left on the clock on a Kendra Juarez basket. The score was tied at 37-37 with 1:47 remaining, but Alayvia Stinson scored on a fast break layup with 1:05 left to out Elba back on top, and



Elba Lady Tiger Kendra Juarez (25) eyes the basket after getting inside a Georgiana defender. Juarez helped the Lady Tigers keep their season alive last week as she scored 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in a 41-37 region win.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

when Ana Caldwell scored inside with six seconds left the Lady Tigers had finally closed out the 41-37 win.

Kendra Juarez scored 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Elba, while A'Lyric Whitfield added 13 points and 9 rebounds,

and Ana Caldwell scored 7 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and blocked 5 shots. Also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Alayvia Stinson, Brooke Tinsley 2 and Tajah Robinson 1. The Elba defense sparked the second half rally

as in the game the Lady Tigers forced 26 turnovers and had 14 steals. Lillie Boggan scored 13 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Georgiana, while Nyeashia Thomas added 8 points and pulled down 28 rebounds.

Elba Tiger JV win opener

The Elba Tigers and Zion Chapel Rebels opened the junior varsity baseball season last Thursday afternoon and split a doubleheader with the Tigers winning the opener 7-1 and the Rebels taking the nightcap 18-1.

Following are highlights of both games:

Elba 7 Zion Chapel 1

Elba's Easton McKelvy tossed a three-inning one-hitter to lead the Tigers to a 7-1 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, in their season opener. The Tigers trailed 1-0 heading into the bottom of the third, but scored two runs to go ahead 2-1 and then added five runs in the fourth to pull away and post the win.

Jaden Baker had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Elba, while Dylan Holley added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, Levi Martin added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Dwys Reynolds added 1 hit, and Easton McKelvy and Kyavian Stoudemire both scored 2 runs. Easton McKelvy was the winning pitcher as he tossed a three-inning one-hitter with three

strikeouts.

Grady Meeks had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel.

Zion Chapel 18 Elba 1

The Elba Tigers were forced to settle for a split in the season opening doubleheader after an 18-1 loss to the Zion Chapel Rebels, in game two. The Rebels scored 17 runs in the top of the first to take command and coasted to the win as they combined four hits with 13 walks.

Jaden Baker had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead Elba, while Dylan Holley added 1 hit and Matthew McCart scored 1 run. Four Tiger pitchers allowed 15 earned runs on four hits and 13 walks.


Grady Meeks and Trent Elrod both had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Jonathan Douglas added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's, and Colt Jacobs added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Colt Jacobs was the winning pitcher as he tossed a two-inning two-hitter with five strikeouts.




Elba Tiger Easton McKelvy tossed a 1-hitter to lead the Tigers to a 7-1 season opening win over Zion Chapel.

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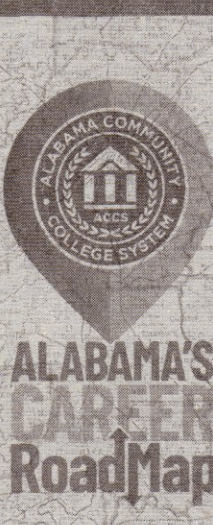
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Elba golfers split tri-match

The Elba Tiger golf team hosted a tri-match last week at Cambrian Ridge, in Greenville, and placed second in the three-team match behind winner Pike Liberal Arts and ahead of Andalusia High School.

Pike Lib shot a 319 to finish first and was led by medalist Braden Prestwood

with a 68, while Elba fired a 329 and was led by Jay Wilson with a 77, and Andalusia fired a 354 and was led by Charlie Walsh with an 83.

Other scores by Tiger golfers were Trace Grantham 80, Kade Harrison 85, Alex Wisecup 87 and Powell Bane 103.

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SPORTS NEWS

Elba Lady Tigers place third at softball tourney in Ozark

The Elba Lady Tigers junior varsity opened the softball season last week at the Carroll Lady Eagle Tournament, in Ozark, and posted a 2-3 record to place in a tie for third in the eight-team tournament.

The Lady Tigers opened the tournament with an impressive 4-1 win over Ariton. Elba's bats weren't booming in the win, but the Lady Tigers combined seven walks with one hit to claim the win. Andrea Johnson had 1 hit and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Hillary Hudson, Payton Parks and Shaylee Johnson all scored 1 run. Mary O'Neal pitched a two-hitter with four strikeouts to get the win in the circle.

The Lady Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 9-3 loss to Cottonwood. Hillary Hudson had 1 hit and 2 rbi's and Chloe Russell added 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead Elba, while Emmie Eldridge and Stella Edgar both scored 1 run. Jadyn Caldwell pitched and allowed four earned runs on four hits, while striking out four.

The Lady Tigers fell behind 8-0 early and saw a late rally fall short in a

hard fought 8-5 loss to Pike Liberal Arts, in the final pool play contest. Payton Parks had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to lead Elba, while Mary O'Neal and Hillary Hudson both had 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Miciah Smith and Javonnie Williams both scored 1 run. Mary O'Neal pitched and allowed three earned runs on three hits, while striking out two.

The Lady Tigers jumped ahead early and never looked back to defeat Cottonwood 6-1, in bracket play. Mary O'Neal and Hillary Hudson both had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba, while Keelie Moseley added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Channon Hooks and Javonnie Williams both added 1 hit and scored 1 run; Jabria Burks added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Shaylee Johnson scored 1 run. Mary O'Neal pitched and allowed one earned run on four hits, while striking out seven.

The Lady Tigers saw their tournament come to an end with a 5-0 loss to Kinston. Payton Parks and Jabria Burks both had 1 hit to lead Elba, while Mary O'Neal pitched and allowed two earned runs on four hits, with two strikeouts.



KINSTON LADY BULLDOGS... won the Carroll Lady Eagle JV Softball Tournament by winning six straight games in the eight-team tournament, in Ozark. The Lady Bulldogs outscored their opponents 111-11 in rolling to the tournament championship.

High School

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BASEBALL:

Enterprise Jr. 9 New Brockton Middle 2 – The New Brockton Middle School Gamecocks dropped their season opener 9-2 to the Enterprise Junior Wildcats. The Gamecocks trailed only 4-1 after three innings, but watched as the Wildcats pulled way late to claim the 9-2 win. Landon Waller, Peyton Collins and Braydon Fomby all had 1 hit to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while David Peacock and Brantley Thomas both scored 1 run. Six New Brockton pitchers combined to allow nine earned runs on seven hits and 13 walks.

Kinston JV 3 Red Level 2 – The Kinston Bulldogs jumped ahead 3-0 early and held on late to defeat Red Level 3-2. Judd Green had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs, while Ty Lashley added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Jon Simmons and Jackson Cowen both scored 1 run. Easton Parker was the winning pitcher as he tossed two innings and allowed no hits while striking out two.

Red Level 6 Kinston JV 3 – The Kinston Bulldogs fell behind 4-0 in the first inning and saw a late rally fall short in a 6-3 loss to Red Level. Rylen Hawthorne, Lincoln Morris and Cam McKinney all scored 1 run for the Bulldogs, while four Kinston pitchers combined to allow five earned runs on three hits, while striking out nine.

Eufaula 8 New Brockton Middle 7 – The New Brockton Gamecocks saw an early 7-2 lead slip away in an 8-7 loss to Eufaula. David Peacock had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Brayden Fomby added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Grady Hamilton and Brantley Thomas both scored 2 runs. Four pitchers combined to allow nine earned runs on two hits and five walks, with five strikeouts.

Highland Home 10 Zion Chapel JV 3 – The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind early and never caught up in a 10-3 loss to Highland Home. Trent Elrod had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Grady Meeks and Brody Sheets both added 1 hit. Two pitchers combined to allow two earned runs on four hits and four walks, while striking out 10.

Highland Home 9 Zion Chapel JV 5 – The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind 9-0 early and saw a late rally fall short in a 9-5 loss to Highland Home. Grady Hamilton had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Rebels, while Colt Jacobs and Gunner Jacobs both added 1 hit, and Brody Sheets scored 2 runs. Two pitchers combined to allow one earned run on three hits and three walks, with three strikeouts.

Kinston JV 11 Zion Chapel 1 – The Kinston Bulldogs led all the way in a big 11-1 win over Zion Chapel. Easton Parker had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while J.D. Weeks added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Zavory Stanley added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Judd Green added 1 hit and 3 rbi's. Judd Green was the winning pitcher as he tossed three innings and allowed one earned run on one hit and two walks, while striking out six. Colt Jacobs had the only Rebel hit and Jonathan Douglas scored the lone Rebel run, while three pitchers combined to allow four earned runs on five hits and six walks, while recording four strikeouts.

Zion Chapel JV 11 Kinston 3 – The Zion Chapel Rebels earned a split of a doubleheader with an 11-3 win over Kinston. Trent Elrod had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Grady Meeks and Jonathan Douglas both added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Grady Hamilton added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Jacob Smith added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Trent Elrod was the winning pitcher as he tossed three innings and allowed no earned runs on no hits, with five strikeouts. Ty Lashley, Jackson Cowen and Cam McKinney all scored 1 run for the Bulldogs.

SOFTBALL:

Zion Chapel 11 Kinston 1 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels broke loose late to cage the Kinston Lady Bulldogs 11-1. The Lady Rebels led only 2-1 after four innings, but scored nine runs in the fifth to claim the big season opening win. Riley Bannin had 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel, while Kennedy Hussey added 2 hits, including a home-run, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Amber Kidd added 2 hits, including a home-run, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; and, Yaya Velazquez added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Sydney Boothe was the winning pitcher as she

tossed a five-inning two-hitter with six strikeouts. Lilli Sumblin had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Lauren Norris added 1 hit and Lyla Bruce scored one run.

Kinston JV 10 Zion Chapel 0 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs led all the way to defeat the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels 10-0. Adelyn Jarrell had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Aubrey Norris and Adalyn Whigham both added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's, and Kylee Jerkins added 1 hit. Justi Creech was the winning pitcher as she tossed a complete game one-hit shutout with eight strikeouts. Mackenzie Warren had the lone Zion Chapel hit.

Kinston 13 JV Dale County 2 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs jumped ahead early and rolled to a big 13-2 tournament win over Dale County. Aubrey Norris had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Adalyn Whigham, Adelyn Jarrell and Madisyn Jones all added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Justi Creech added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and, Mary Beth Weeks and Kylee Jerkins both scored 2 runs. Justi Creech and Laken Kelley combined to pitch and allowed no earned runs on four hits, while striking out three.

Kinston JV 16 Houston County 0 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs picked up their second tournament win with an easy 16-0 victory over Houston County. Aubrey Norris had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Adalyn Jarrell added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 5 rbi's; Adalyn Whigham added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Madisyn Jones and Madi Phillips both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and, Laken Kelley added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Justi Creech and Laken Kelley combined to pitch and allowed no runs on two hits, with five strikeouts.

Kinston JV 5 Carroll 4 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs scored three runs in their final at-bat to defeat Carroll 5-4, in the final round of pool play. Justi Creech had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Aubrey Norris and Madi Phillips both added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Adelyn Jarrell added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Adelyn Jarrell and Justi Creech combined to pitch and allowed two earned runs on four hits, with seven strikeouts.

Kinston JV 16 Houston County 0 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs opened bracket play with a 16-0 win over Houston County. Aubrey Norris had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Adelyn Jarrell added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 5 rbi's; Adalyn Whigham added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Madisyn Jones and Madi Phillips both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and, Laken Kelley added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Justi Creech and Laken Kelley combined to pitch and allowed no runs on two hits, with five strikeouts.

Kinston JV 5 Elba 0 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs advanced to the tournament finals with a 5-0 win over Elba. Aubrey Norris had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Madisyn Jones added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Madi Phillips added 1 hit and 2 rbi's. Adelyn Jarrell pitched and allowed two hits with six strikeouts.

Kinston JV 9 Pike Liberal Arts 7 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs claimed the championship of the Carroll Lady Eagle tournament as they scored all nine runs in the second inning in an exciting 9-7 win over Pike Liberal Arts. Adelyn Jarrell had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Madisyn Jones added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Mary Beth Weeks added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Madi Phillips scored 2 runs. Adelyn Jarrell and Justi Creech combined to pitch and allowed five earned runs on five hits, with two strikeouts.

SOCCER:

New Brockton 5 Eufaula 1 – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks raced out to a 4-1 first half lead and never lost command as they defeated Eufaula 5-1. Ada Montelegre scored the first goal of the match to put New Brockton up 1-0 with 38:33 left on the clock, only to see Eufaula pull even at 1-1. The Lady Gamecocks regained the lead at 2-1 on a goal by Ashley Hernandez, while Kaitlyn Overman and Rubi Soto both added first half goals to lift the lead to 4-1. Overman added a second half goal to make the final 5-1. Madison Hankins had seven saves in goal to lead the New Brockton defensive effort.

High School

SCHEDULES

Thursday, Feb. 22
(Baseball)

New Brockton at Elba JV-V
Highland Home at Kinston V

Greenville at Zion Chapel V
(Softball)

Zion Chapel at Elba JV DH
(Soccer)

Carroll at New Brockton G/B
Friday, Feb. 23
(Baseball)

Elba at Luverne JV-V
Zion Chapel at New Brockton JV-V
(Softball)

Brantley JV, at Ashford Tournament
New Brockton V, at Slocomb Tournament
(Soccer)

Geneva at New Brockton G/B
Saturday, Feb. 24
(Baseball)

New Brockton at Kinston JV
Samson at Kinston JV
New Brockton vs. Samson, at Kinston JV
New Brockton at Headland JR

(Softball)
Brantley JV, at Ashford Tournament
New Brockton V, at Slocomb Tournament
Monday, Feb. 26
(Baseball)

Highland Home at Zion

Chapel V
Opp at New Brockton JV-V
(Softball)
Zion Chapel at Geneva JV-V

Tuesday, Feb. 27
(Baseball)

Elba at New Brockton JV-V
Kinston at Red Level V
Zion Chapel at Pike Co. V
Brantley at Pleasant Home JV-V

New Brockton at Straughn V
(Softball)

Zion Chapel at Ariton JV-V
New Brockton at Daleville JV-V
(Golf)

New Brockton at Enterprise
(Soccer)

New Brockton at Ch. Henderson G
New Brockton at Pike County B

Thursday, Feb. 29
(Baseball)

Elba at Luverne JV-V
Brantley at Kinston JV-V
Zion Chapel at Abbeville V DH

New Brockton at Geneva JR DH
New Brockton at Ariton, Tournament V
(Softball)

Samson at Elba JV-V
Zion Chapel at Ch. Henderson JV
Luverne at Brantley JV-V

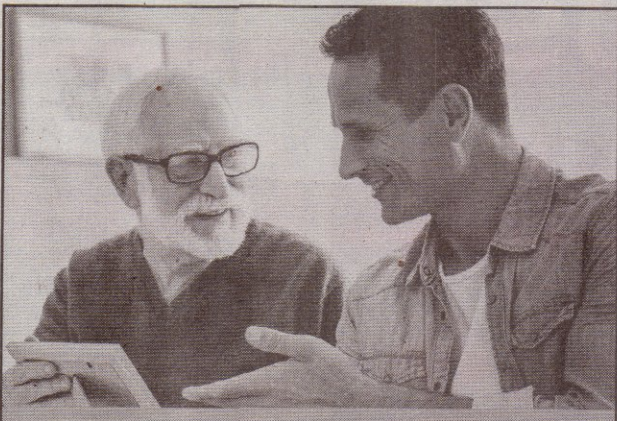
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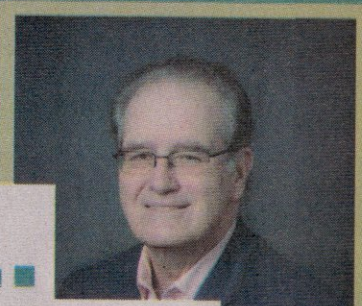
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VALENTINE'S DAY ROYALTY...The Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center LLC celebrated Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, with refreshments and the crowning of the King and Queen. This year's Valentine queen is Ms. Glenda Henderson and Valentine King is Mr. Joe Skinner. The residents vote each year for this event.

Governor Ivey announces Conecuh Sausage coming to Andalusia, Alabama in \$58 million growth project

Governor Kay Ivey last week announced Conecuh Sausage, an iconic Alabama maker of hickory smoked sausages, plans to invest nearly \$58 million to open a second production facility in the state, creating 110 jobs in Andalusia, Ala.

Conecuh Sausage was founded in Evergreen, Ala., in 1947, and the production location in Conecuh County will remain operational as the company expands to meet increasing demand for its products.

"Conecuh Sausage is a landmark homegrown brand, and I am thrilled to see that the company continues to grow and thrive right here in 'Sweet Home Alabama,'" said Governor Ivey. "This growth project will allow Conecuh Sausage to extend the reach of its brand and put its distinctive Alabama flavors in even more kitchens."

Conecuh Sausage is a family-owned business that produces high-quality meats with a patented blend of seasonings. Its sausage products are sold directly through the company's online store and Gift Store as well as through local grocery stores, national retailers and independent distribution companies.

Conecuh Sausage owners John Crum Sessions, president, and his son, John Henry Sessions, said they are making their long-term



Alabama Governor Kay Ivey is shown here at last week's event in Andalusia announcing that Conecuh Sausage plans to expand its facilities to nearby Covington County in a nearly \$58 million growth project.

vision a reality in their quest to satisfy the demand for Conecuh Sausage products.

"We are eager to join the Andalusia community and add jobs and growth to the local economy while remaining in the state of Alabama," the duo said in a statement. "We are thrilled with the opportunity to expand our production facilities and increase distribution to serve our loyal customers."

As part of the project, the company commits to creating at least 110 new jobs in Andalusia and to investing \$57.8 million to construct and equip the new facility in Covington County, according to the Alabama Department of Commerce.

"Conecuh Sausage's expansion project positions the company for sustained growth while also generating a significant economic impact in the Andalusia area," said Ellen McNair, Secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce. "We're happy that the company decided to expand its production footprint in South Alabama rather than going to another state."

After researching multiple expansion locations in the Midwest, Conecuh chose to remain in their home state of Alabama.

"This is an exciting and important day for the city of Andalusia," said Mayor Earl Johnson. "We have been working for decades

to be prepared when a company like Conecuh Sausage was ready to expand here, and we appreciate the Sessions family for their confidence in our community and the investment they are making here.

"I cannot overstate the positive impact this facility and the jobs it will generate will have on our community in the coming years," said Mayor Johnson. "Many people worked very hard to put this project together, and we are appreciative of their efforts."

Other local officials also applauded Conecuh Sausage's investment plans in Andalusia.

Elba Library to host book talks Friday and Monday

The Elba Public Library will host author Jeffrey K. Smith for a Book Talk and Signing this Friday, Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. There will be light refreshment served.

Smith's book, *Freedom and Opportunity*, will be highlighted at this event. It is a narrative about the remarkable life and times of Robert Smalls.

Born a slave in Low Country South Carolina, Smalls managed to plan and orchestrate a daring escape from involuntary servitude aboard a purloined Confederate steamship in May 1862.

Robert Smalls' compelling life is a genuine rag to riches story. His journey from Gullah-born slave to respected statesman is seamlessly interwoven with the complex history of the beginning, propagation, and end of the barbaric institution of slavery in the United States.

Then, on Monday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m., the Elba Public Library will host author Rodrick Caldwell for a second Book Talk.

Caldwell is the author of *Man Thou Art Loosed* and *Triggers, Volume 2*. This small handbook is about not letting past trauma destroy the future.

Again, light refreshments will be served during the event.

All are invited to attend both events to meet and talk with the authors.

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